OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE OF HAWAII

ELECTION PROCLAMATION

By the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawaii, in order to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process and the rights of the electorate to participate in the 2012 primary election, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor of the State of Hawaii, hereby determine, designate, and proclaim as follows:

WHEREAS, it has come to my attention that more than half of the polling places on Hawaii island did not open today at 7:00 a.m. as required by section 11-131, Hawaii Revised Statutes;

WHEREAS, unforeseen technical and operational problems, including equipment malfunction and the untimely delivery of supplies to polling places caused widespread delay in the opening of numerous polling places on Hawaii island;

WHEREAS, the opportunity to vote should not be diminished due to such an accumulation of inadvertent and unforeseen omissions and actions beyond the control of the State;

WHEREAS, despite such difficulties, the affected polling places were open no later than 8:30 a.m.;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 128-10(6), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Governor has the authority to adjust the hours for voting to take into consideration the foregoing conditions, and to suspend the provisions of section 11-131, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and fix other hours for voting;

NOW THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor of the State of Hawaii, hereby determine that an emergency condition exists as contemplated by Hawaii Revised Statutes, chapter 128, regarding the untimely opening of the polling places on Hawaii island, and do hereby authorize and invoke the following under Hawaii Revised Statutes;

Pursuant to and in accordance with section 128-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I hereby direct all polling places on Hawaii island to remain continuously open until 7:30 p.m.

Done in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, this 11th day of August, 2012

NEIL ABERCROMBIE Governor of Hawaii

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David M. Louie

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